

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-32 are active in the case. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The present invention relates to a process for the preparation of cyclododecene.

Claim Rejection, 35 USC 112

Claim 1 has been amended in order that it positively recite that cyclododecene is the production of the claimed hydrogenation reaction. Accordingly, the issue that has been raised in the Office Action is obviated and withdrawal of the same is respectfully requested.

Claim Amendments

Several of the dependent claims have been amended in order in order to make minor changes in form thereto. None of the amendments introduce new matter into the claims. Entry of the amendments into the record is respectfully requested.

It is now believed that the application is in proper condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.


Respectfully submitted,

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